



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2019

Meeting Location: Office of the State Veterinarian, 109 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- Steven J. Wills, DVM -- Chairman
- Dale Eckert, DVM
- Tim Gardner, DVM
- Leah Miller, DVM
- Judith Piazza
- Jeff Pumphrey, DVM
- Amanda H. Rowland, DVM
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT
- Robert Stout, DVM -- Proxy for the Commissioner of Agriculture

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Gene Smith, DVM

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STAFF PRESENT

- Joe Bilby, Legal Counsel
- Michelle Shane, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT

- Loran Wagoner, DVM, Board Investigator
- Denise Logsdon, Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy
- Debra Hamelback, Executive Director, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
- James Weber, DVM, KVMA
- Judy Taylor, KVMA
- Barb Lewis, KVMA and Kentucky Veterinary Technician Association (KTVA)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Steven Wills, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM EDT. Chairman Wills welcomed new Board Member Dr. Dale Eckert, who previously served on the Board.

Michelle Shane read the roll call. A quorum of the Board was noted as present.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Michelle Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent on Monday, July 22, 2019, to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) media contact list.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Amanda Rowland read aloud the Board's mission statement.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Joe Bilby, as an officer of the court, administered the oath of office, Section 228 of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Constitution, to newly appointed Board Member Dale Eckert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board Meeting Minutes from the July 25, 2019, meeting were reviewed by Members of the Board prior to the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Tim Gardner to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. The motion, seconded by Amy Staton, passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Update from the Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (BLMT)

Chairman Wills invited Denise Logsdon to address the Board. Ms. Logsdon presented herself from the Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy and provided a short introduction, noting the intent of the BLMT to pre-file this legislation in October. Members of the Board discussed the legislation with Ms. Logsdon.

A Board decision on this issue was tabled until a future date as the Members did not agree with the proposed legislation's limits on veterinarians and the veterinary technicians who worked under their direct supervision.

Denise Logsdon exited the meeting at 12:58 PM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members of the Board reviewed the budget summary and detailed spreadsheets prior to the meeting. The Budget Summary document showed receipts for F.Y. 2020 to date totaling \$8,470, and total expenditures to date of \$163, with a current balance of \$1,173,015 (up \$8,307 from the end of F.Y. 2019).

A MOTION was made by Bob Stout to approve the budget as presented. The motion, seconded by Amanda Rowland, unanimously passed by voice vote.

Receiving no questions about the budget summary, Michelle Shane moved on to provide a brief update on requests for database improvements. KDA has indicated that for the time being database improvements must come through updates of the current database. Ms. Shane will follow up with IT support to determine next steps.

OLD BUSINESS continued...

- **Update on the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KYBOP)**

Michelle Shane indicated that the KYBOP withdrew 201 KAR 2:310 proposed legislation on August 6, 2019.

Dr. Jim Weber provided an update from the KVMA's discussion with the KYBOP. The main take away was that the KYBOP does not wish to get into regulating vets any more than necessary. However, the KYBOP is under regulatory obligations from the federal government in regards to compounding. The KYBOP has indicated they want to work with veterinarians to write the best regulation possible.

Members of the Board discussed the KVMA/ KYBOP meetings as well as compounded drugs with Dr. Weber and Ms. Debra Hamelback.

Chairman Wills directed Michelle Shane to continue to follow this issue.

- **Background check provider update**

Chairman Wills called on Joe Bilby to provide an update on the results of the background checks requested from various providers. Mr. Bilby indicated that he requested background checks from Fieldprint USA and FastFingerprints. He discussed the convenience, cost, and results for each provider.

Chairman Wills asked Joe Bilby to identify the availability of fingerprint capture locations nationally. Mr. Bilby indicated that Fieldprint USA had multiple collection locations, more than 20 locations in Kentucky alone (and many more nationally), while FastFingerprints had only one Kentucky location (and less broad coverage nationally).

- **Discussion on Dr. Cheryl Nelson's requests**

Due to the large volume of materials in this request and the items on the current meeting agenda, Chairman Wills tabled further discussion of Dr. Nelson's legislative requests until the December meeting of the Board.

- **Ad Hoc Committee discussion**

Chairman Wills tabled the discussion of additional committees until the December meeting of the Board. He directed Members of the Board to review the proposed Committees and be ready to volunteer. In particular, he asked everyone to review the Practice Act Models of the AVMA at www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Model-Veterinary-Practice-Act.aspx and the AAVSB at www.aavsb.org/board-services/member-board-resources/practice-act-model.

- **AAVSB Annual Meeting discussion on ballot topics**

Members of the Board reviewed AAVSB Annual Meeting ballot materials. The Board designated AAVSB delegate Amanda Rowland and alternate delegate Leah Miller were

direction on how to vote to best represent KBVE at the AAVSB Annual Meeting on each of these topics.

- 1) **Proposed Bylaws Amendments**
- 2) **Proposed Practice Act model (PAM) Amendments**
- 3) **Resolution 2019-01**
- 4) **Nominations for various AAVSB Committees**

After a general discussion, the Board was in favor of the amendments and resolutions as presented. The Board directed the delegates to vote in favor, and in the case of changes or discussion at the AAVSB meeting, to vote using their best judgement for the interests of the KBVE and citizens of the Commonwealth.

Chairman Wills volunteered to be nominated from the AAVSB meeting floor to the Nominating Committee one year term position, should no other nominees be put forth.

Chairman Wills directed Michelle Shane to setup a presentation from AAVSB to the Board at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS – REPORT

Chairman Wills opened the discussion on public comments received on the proposed regulations. Michelle Shane led the Board in a walk-through of the comments, drafting the Statement of Consideration for each comment and subsequent edits, if any, to the proposed regulations.

The Board took a break at 3:45 PM, and reconvened at 3:55 PM.

A MOTION was made by Tim Gardner directing Joe Bilby and Michelle Shane to incorporate the revisions to the regulations as discussed and to then circulate the new draft to Board by Sept 30, and for the Board to respond with comments back to staff within five (5) business days, so that the Statement of Consideration and proposed edits may be filed with LRC in a timely manner not later than October 15. The motion, seconded by Amy Staton, unanimously passed by voice vote.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

Michelle Shane provided an overview of the current license numbers. As of September 18, 2019, the total active licenses were as follows:

- Veterinarians. 2,513 active licenses, up 27 licenses from the last report, and down 111 from the same time period in 2018;
- Veterinary Technicians. 435 active licenses, up five licenses from the last report, and up 33 licenses from the period last year;
- Certified Animal Control Agencies. 58 active licenses, the same from the last report, and one less than the period last year; and
- Certified Animal Euthanasia Specialists. 200 active licenses, the same as the last report, and up two licenses from the same period in 2018.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Amy Staton provided the report from the Applications Committee.

1) Report on Applications for Licensure and Certification

Amy Staton indicated the Applications Committee approved 26 veterinarians and 10 veterinary technicians for licenses, and 12 animal euthanasia specialists for certificates, as listed in the table below.

A MOTION was made by Amanda Rowland to accept the recommendations of the Applications Committee on new applicants. The motion, seconded by Judith Piazza, unanimously passed by voice vote.

	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Roland	Abma	Veterinarian	Endorsement
2	C. Scott	Bailey	Veterinarian	Endorsement
3	Charlotte K.	Barton	Veterinarian	New
4	Stephanie C.	Bell	Veterinarian	Endorsement
5	Samantha A.	Bunnell	Veterinarian	Endorsement
6	Caoimhe E.	Connaughton	Veterinarian	New
7	Kristen	Corbett	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
8	Heather A.	Craven	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
9	Timothy M.	DeLatte	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
10	Blake B.	DeWitt	Veterinarian	Endorsement
11	Barry W.	Eisaman	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
12	Charles W.	Haire	Veterinarian	Endorsement
13	Rachel E.	Halpin	Veterinarian	Endorsement
14	Eric H.	Kates	Veterinarian	Endorsement
15	Lucy M.	Kelleher	Veterinarian	New
16	Jesse T.	Kimmelman	Veterinarian	Endorsement
17	Catherine J.	Murphy	Veterinarian	New
18	Rachel J.	Muur	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
19	Karl T.	Nagle	Veterinarian	Endorsement
20	Jennifer D.	Ringenberg	Veterinarian	Endorsement
21	Marisa L.	Rotolo	Veterinarian	Endorsement
22	Stephanie L.	Smith	Veterinarian	Endorsement
23	Suzanne Q.	Summe	Veterinarian	Endorsement
24	Gretchen E.	Syburg	Veterinarian	Endorsement
25	Meagan R.	Szarek	Veterinarian	Endorsement
26	Charles J.	Zickus	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
27	Amanda C.A.	Akel	Veterinary Technician	New
28	Krista M.	Berwanger	Veterinary Technician	New
29	Monica M.	Bevis	Veterinary Technician	New
30	Megan L.	Bottoms	Veterinary Technician	New
31	Lori M.	Brownstein	Veterinary Technician	New
32	Nicholas D.	Dupont	Veterinary Technician	New

	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
33	Dominique L.	Hunter	Veterinary Technician	New
34	Emily J.	Marsh	Veterinary Technician	New
35	Rachel A.	Price	Veterinary Technician	New
36	Ashton D.	Stout	Veterinary Technician	New
37	Sherry L.	Beard	Euthanasia Specialist	New
38	Misty L.	Bromley	Euthanasia Specialist	New
39	Michael W.	Burton	Euthanasia Specialist	New
40	Alyssa A.	Corado-Burgstahler	Euthanasia Specialist	New
41	Alyssa D.	Davis	Euthanasia Specialist	New
42	Ruby B.	Fooks	Euthanasia Specialist	New
43	Jasmine N.	Groff	Euthanasia Specialist	New
44	Brianna A.	Hayes	Euthanasia Specialist	New
45	Derek W.	Peterson	Euthanasia Specialist	New
46	Alicia	Pryor	Euthanasia Specialist	New
47	Lucas M.	Smith	Euthanasia Specialist	New
48	Jessica D.	Whitten	Euthanasia Specialist	New

2) Report on Applications for CEU Course Approval

Amy Staton indicated the Applications Committee approved 11 requests for continuing education courses, as listed in the table below.

A MOTION was made by Tim Gardner to accept the recommendations of the Applications Committee. The motion, seconded by Judith Piazza, unanimously passed by voice vote.

Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CEU Hours Approved		Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs	
Blood Basics: 10 things everyone needs to know about Hematology	Antech Diagnostics and Imaging	1	1	9/19/2019
The Technicians Critical Role in the Clinical Pathology Lab - Part I	Barb Lewis, MA, LVT, VTS	-	3	8/8/2019
Acute Kidney Injury	BluePearl	1	1	8/6/2019
Pythium insidiosum	BluePearl	1	1	8/13/2019
Introduction to Fear Free - Changing Perspective Fear Free, A Kind Approach	Greater Louisville VMA	2	2	9/18/2019

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LMU-CVM Career Day 2019 Continuing Education Program	Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Med.	2	2	8/24/2019
CEM for State Coordinators Training	USDA	16	-	08-/14-15/2019
Public Health Veterinary Training	USDA Food Safety Inspection Services	24	-	01/06-18 & 02/11-15/2019
Approach to the Itchy Dog: the diagnostic path made easy!	Zoetis	2	2	9/18/2019
Dermatology Lecture and Wetlab	Zoetis	2	2	9/18/2019
Injection Economics	Zoetis	1	1	8/27/2019

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Judith Piazza provided an update from the Wellness Committee.

SALES REPORTS

Investigator Loran Wagoner provided a report on sales.

- **Keeneland 2019 September Sale.** The sale is still going on. There were 118 veterinarians who reviewed radiographs at the 2019 Keeneland September sale compared to 122 veterinarians at the same sale in 2018. Of these, seventeen veterinarians were foreign: two from Canada, three from Ireland, four from Japan, two from Korea, one from Puerto Rico, four from the United Kingdom, and one from Venezuela.

The Board discussed the need for temporary licensing of veterinarians at sales so an owner would have some recourse if their animal is injured during a sale inspection.

Chairman Wills directed staff to learn more about temporary licensing requirements in other states.

INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT ON PERIODIC CLINIC INSPECTIONS

Investigator Loran Wagoner provided a report on clinic inspections. There is a trend in Kentucky shelters of dropping numbers of euthanasias. In many shelters, animals are being sent out of state to other adoption agencies and no-kill shelters; some of these recipient agencies make a profit after taking the animal.

Clinic Inspections:

- Boone County
- Boyd County
- Bracken County
- Breckenridge County
- Bullitt County



- Campbell County
- Gallatin County
- Grant County
- Greenup County
- Kenton County
- Kentucky Humane Society
- Lewis County
- Meade County
- Louisville Metro Animal Services
- Montgomery County
- Oldham County
- Rowan County. There were some issues with this shelter; Dr. Wagoner worked with the shelter manager to remedy the issues.
- Northern Kentucky Animal Control

Joe Bilby queried the Board if there was interest from the veterinary community in expanding the role of inspections in shelters and / or registrations of animal shelters in Kentucky. The Board discussed this issue, and determined that another agency, perhaps the Animal Control Advisory Board, may be better situated to handle such an expansion of responsibilities.

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

Joe Bilby provided an update on the case statuses for current cases with the Complaints Screening Committee.

- **2015-30** – ongoing. Pending settlement agreement.
- **2018-06** – ongoing.
- **2018-21** – ongoing. Pending settlement agreement.
- **2018-42** – closed.
- **2019-01** – closed.
- **2019-03** – closed.
- **2019-05** – ongoing.
- **2019-06** – ongoing.
- **2019-07** – ongoing.
- **2019-08** – ongoing.
- **2019-09** – ongoing.
- **2019-11** – ongoing.
- **2019-13** – ongoing.
- **2019-14** – ongoing.
- **2019-15** – ongoing.
- **2019-16** – closed.
- **2019-17** – closed.
- **2019-18** – closed.
- **2019-19** – ongoing.

- **2019-20** – ongoing.
- **2019-21** – ongoing.

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Staton to accept the recommendations of the Complaints Screening Committee. The motion, seconded by Tim Gardner, unanimously passed by voice vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

Questions pending from the Board's Office

- **Letter from a veterinarian asking about third-party Lasix.** The Board is not involved with decisions around Lasix. The letter writer should be referred to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.
- **Letter from concerned Colorado vet tech re nursing initiative.** The Board reviewed the letter.

In addition, guest attendee Barb Lewis, who represented the Kentucky Veterinary Technician Association (KVTA), spoke to the Board about the veterinary nursing initiative.

Ms. Lewis indicated three to four years ago the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) sent out a survey to its membership. She noted that the organization's membership is under 15% of all credentialed veterinary technicians (VTs) in the country, and the membership includes a percentage of non-credentialed interests.

Ms. Lewis described the veterinary nurse initiative (VNI), which came out of this survey, as seeking a change in the name of all veterinary technicians. She described three types of credentialing that currently exist for VTs: registered, certified, or licensed. This initiative seeks to bring all of those distinctions under one umbrella called veterinary nurses. Ms. Lewis indicated there were three main challenges to the NAVTA initiative:

- (1) The challenge of title protection of the term "nurse": human nurses strongly oppose the change.
- (2) The challenge of forcing credentialing processes to become nationally standardized (i.e., requirements for licensure, schooling, credential title, level of CE required, renewal periods, etc. -- everything).
- (3) The perception that some of the non-credentialed NAVTA membership may stand to gain monetarily from these changes.

Ms. Lewis conveyed that many Kentucky VTs are not supportive of the VNI. Ms. Lewis indicated that KVTA has devised a survey for all Kentucky VTs to better gauge perspectives on the issues. The survey will include educational materials about the VNI.

- **Letter from concerned vet re current practices in Kentucky.** Due to time concerns, this letter was tabled until a future meeting.

Joe Bilby provided additional information to Chairman Wills on the available national locations for the Field Print USA background check sites. In the interest of making the background check provider immediately available for use by future applicants, the Chairman called for a vote to approve this provider.

A MOTION was made by Amanda Rowland to approval Fieldprint USA because of the convenient locations in Kentucky and Alabama, as well as many locations available nationally. The motion, seconded by Amy Staton, unanimously passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

A MOTION was made by Bob Stout to approval travel per diem. The motion, seconded by Amanda Rowland, unanimously passed by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 12:30 PM

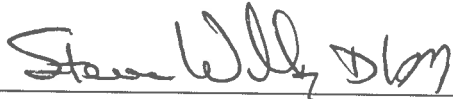
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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Steven Wills adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

These Minutes were approved by the Board on December 5, 2019.



Steven Wills, Chairman of the Board

PRESIDING OFFICER: Steven Wills, Chairman
Minutes Recorded by: Michelle Shane
Minutes Reviewed by: Joe Bilby



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10:30 AM **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

- Complaints Screening Committee
- Applications Committee

12:00 PM Lunch

12:30 PM **CALL TO ORDER**

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Board Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

- Update from the Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy
- Update on the Board of Pharmacy
- Background check provider update
- Discussion on Dr. Cheryl Nelson's requests
- Ad Hoc Committee discussion
- AAVSB Annual Meeting discussion on ballot topics

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Revenue and Expenditures, F.Y. 2020 – to date
- Update on requested information for database improvements

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